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To: Senate Bill No. 418

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Cal. No. 353

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIRING OF SUPPORT STAFF FOR
TEACHERS OF THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED."**

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- 1 In line 28, after "(2)" insert "(A)"
- 2 After line 34, insert:
- 3 "(B) The Board of Education and Services for the Blind may use
- 4 funds appropriated to said account to provide specialized books,
- 5 materials, equipment, supplies, adaptive technology services and

6 devices, specialist examinations and aids, preschool programs and
7 vision-related independent living services, excluding primary
8 educational placement, for children who have been withdrawn from
9 school for the purposes of home school instruction."

10 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
11 internal references accordingly:

12 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
14 *1, 2008*):

15 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good
16 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational
17 interests of the state as defined in section 10-4a and provide such other
18 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of
19 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such
20 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions
21 of the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school
22 district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide
23 an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes
24 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,
25 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources
26 among its schools, (3) proper maintenance of facilities, and (4) a safe
27 school setting; shall have charge of the schools of its respective school
28 district; shall make a continuing study of the need for school facilities
29 and of a long-term school building program and from time to time
30 make recommendations based on such study to the town; shall adopt
31 and implement an indoor air quality program that provides for
32 ongoing maintenance and facility reviews necessary for the
33 maintenance and improvement of the indoor air quality of its facilities;
34 shall report biennially to the Commissioner of Education on the
35 condition of its facilities and the action taken to implement its long-
36 term school building program and indoor air quality program, which
37 report the Commissioner of Education shall use to prepare a biennial
38 report that said commissioner shall submit in accordance with section

39 11-4a to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
40 cognizance of matters relating to education; shall advise the
41 Commissioner of Education of the relationship between any individual
42 school building project pursuant to chapter 173 and such long-term
43 school building program; shall have the care, maintenance and
44 operation of buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for
45 school purposes and at all times shall insure all such buildings and all
46 capital equipment contained therein against loss in an amount not less
47 than eighty per cent of replacement cost; shall determine the number,
48 age and qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each school;
49 shall develop and implement a written plan for minority staff
50 recruitment for purposes of subdivision (3) of section 10-4a; shall
51 employ and dismiss the teachers of the schools of such district subject
52 to the provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall designate the
53 schools which shall be attended by the various children within the
54 school district; shall make such provisions as will enable each child of
55 school age, residing in the district to attend some public day school for
56 the period required by law and provide for the transportation of
57 children wherever transportation is reasonable and desirable, and for
58 such purpose may make contracts covering periods of not more than
59 five years; may place in an alternative school program or other suitable
60 educational program a pupil enrolling in school who is nineteen years
61 of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for
62 graduation by age twenty-one; may arrange with the board of
63 education of an adjacent town for the instruction therein of such
64 children as can attend school in such adjacent town more conveniently;
65 shall cause each child five years of age and over and under eighteen
66 years of age who is not a high school graduate and is living in the
67 school district to attend school in accordance with the provisions of
68 section 10-184, provided, when a parent or guardian of a child
69 provides by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the principal of
70 the school that the child attends, to the superintendent of schools for
71 the school district in which such school is located or the local or
72 regional board of education for such school district, written notice
73 originated by and signed by the parent or guardian of the child stating

74 that the parent or guardian is withdrawing the child from enrollment
75 in a public school and will provide instruction for the child as required
76 pursuant to section 10-184, the principal of the school that the child
77 attends, the superintendent and the local or regional board of
78 education shall accept such notice and shall deem the child withdrawn
79 from enrollment in the public school immediately upon receipt of such
80 notice; and shall perform all acts required of it by the town or
81 necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties imposed by law."